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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of )  
Edward Ludovicus Koper et al. ) Examiner: McCaig, Brian A.  
Serial No.: 10/549,769 ) Group Art Unit: 1797  
Filed: July 31, 2006 ) Confirmation No. 3617  
For: PRODUCTION OF LINEAR ALKYL )  
BENZENE )  
Our Reference: 10690/011 )

**AMENDMENT**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 26, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.